

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Public Service - Revenue Department - Departmental proceedings against Sri Katikala Srinivasa Rao, S/o Naraiah, Formerly Village Revenue Officer, Tallapalli Village, Macherla Mandal, Palnadu District - Departmental proceedings under Rule 20 of APCS (CCA) Rules, 1991 - Articles of Charges - Issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE-III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 783

Dated: 30-07-2025

Read the following:-

1. From the D.G., ACB, Lr.C.No.86/RPC(C)/2020, Dt:03.09.2020.
2. Govt. Memo.No.REV01-LANA0CCLV(ACBC)/45/2020-VIG.III(2)-1, Dt:12.10.2020.
3. Govt.Memo.No.REV01-LANA0CCLV(ACBC)/45/2020-VIG.III(2)-2, Dt:12.10.2020.
4. From the D.G., ACB, Lr.C.No.31/DE-VGT/2020-S.17, Dt:17.08.2023.
5. G.O.Ms.No.261, Revenue (Vig.III) Department, dated:30.07.2025.

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ORDER :

It is proposed to hold an enquiry against Sri Katikala Srinivasa Rao, S/o Naraiah, Formerly Village Revenue Officer, Tallapalli Village, Macherla Mandal, Palnadu District in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the A.P.Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 has involved in certain irregularities during a surprise check conducted on O/o Tahsildar, Macherla Mandal, Palnadu district by the Inspector, Range-II, Anti Corruption Bureau, Guntur District on 24.01.2020.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of Articles of Charges (Annexure.I). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the Articles of Charges are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexures. II, III & IV).

3. Sri Katikala Srinivasa Rao, S/o Naraiah, Formerly Village Revenue Officer, Tallapalli Village, Macherla Mandal, Palnadu District is directed to submit within 10 days of the receipt of this order, a written statement of his defence.

4. Sri Katikala Srinivasa Rao, S/o Naraiah, Formerly Village Revenue Officer, Tallapalli Village, Macherla Mandal, Palnadu District is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those Articles of Charges as are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each Article of Charge.

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5. Sri Katikala Srinivasa Rao, S/o Naraiah, Formerly Village Revenue Officer, Tallapalli Village, Macherla Mandal, Palnadu District is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the time specified in Para 3 above or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rule-20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 or the orders/directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, the Inquiring Authority may hold inquiry against him ex-parte. Further action will be processed based on the material available.

6. Attention of Sri Katikala Srinivasa Rao, S/o Naraiah, Formerly Village Revenue Officer, Tallapalli Village, Macherla Mandal, Palnadu District is invited to Rule 24 of the A.P.Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interests in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his/her behalf from any other person in respect of any matter dealt with in these proceedings it will be presumed that Sri Katikala Srinivasa Rao, S/o Naraiah, Formerly Village Revenue Officer, Tallapalli Village, Macherla Mandal, Palnadu District is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his/her instance and action will be taken against him/her for violation of Rule 24 of A.P.Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

7. The receipt of the Memorandum be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

**G JAYALAKSHMI
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FAC)**

To
Sri Katikala Srinivasa Rao, S/o Naraiah, Formerly Village Revenue Officer, Tallapalli Village, Macherla Mandal, Palnadu District through the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Mangalagiri.

The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Mangalagiri.

Copy to:

The District Collector, Palnadu District.

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ANNEXURE-I**STATEMENT OF DRAFT ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI KATIKALA SRINIVASA RAO, FORMERLY VILLAGE REVENUE OFFICER, TALLAPALLI VILLAGE, MACHERLA MANDAL, PALNADU DISTRICT.**

That Sri Katikala Srinivasa Rao, S/o Naraiah, Formerly Village Revenue Officer, Tallapalli Village, Macherla Mandal, Palnadu District (hereinafter referred to as Government Servant) while functioning as such at Tallapalli Village, Macherla Mandal, Palnadu District during the period from 18.07.2019 to 01.12.2020 committed grave misconduct in as much as:

Charge-1:

“That the Government Servant kept one Original e-Passbook with him without distributing to the concerned Pattadar which was entrusted to him by the Tahsildar Office, Macherla”.

Charge-2:

“That the Government Servant kept pending with him 06 Mee-seva applications beyond SLA pertaining to ‘Mutation and Title Deed cum Pattadar Passbook”.

“Thus, the Government Servant Sri Katikala Srinivasa Rao, S/o Naraiah, Formerly Village Revenue Officer, Tallapalli Village, Macherla Mandal, Palnadu District by his above mentioned acts has exhibited lack of devotion to duty, failed to maintain integrity, behaved in a manner unbecoming of a Govt. servant and brought down the prestige of the Government and there by violated/contravened Rule 3(1) & 3(2) of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964”.

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ANNEXURE-II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATION OF MISCONDUCT OR MISBEHAVIOUR IN SUPPORT OF THE ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI KATIKALA SRINIVASA RAO, FORMERLY VILLAGE REVENUE OFFICER, TALLAPALLI VILLAGE, MACHERLA MANDAL, PALNADU DISTRICT.

Sri Katikala Srinivasa Rao, S/o Naraiah, Formerly Village Revenue Officer, Tallapalli Village, Macherla Mandal, Palnadu District is a native of D. No. 2-25, Nagulavaram Village Macherla Mandal, Palnadu District. His date of birth is 01.02.1977. He joined Government Service on 01.08.2005 as Village Revenue Assistant and worked as thus at Nagulavaram Village, Macherla Mandal, Palnadu District. Later he was promoted as Village Revenue Officer on 01.11.2005 and worked as thus at Pasuvemula, Konanki, Tallapalli Villages. He worked as Village Revenue Officer of Tallapalli Village of Macherla Mandal, Palnadu District during the period from 18.07.2019 to 01.12.2020. He has drawn Basic pay of Rs. 18,950/- in the Scale of Pay Rs.16,400/-, Rs.49,870/-. He is due to retire on attaining the age of superannuation on 31.01.2037. He is hereinafter referred to as Government Servant (G.S).

Charge-1:

“That the Government Servant kept one Original e-Passbook with him without distributing to the concerned Pattadar which was entrusted to him by the Tahsildar Office, Macherla”.

Facts and Evidence:

On credible information that the Tahsildar, Macherla and his staff are committing irregularities, indulging in corrupt practices by not attending public duties and adopting dilatory tactics a Surprise Check was conducted on the office of Tahsildar, Macherla, Palnadu District from 24.01.2020 at 11.30 hrs to 7.30 hrs on 25.01.2020 in the presence of the mediators.

During the surprise check, When the Inspector questioned about the distribution of e-Passbooks received from Chennai, from the office of the Tahsildar, initially all the VROs told that they have distributed all the Passbooks to the concerned. When they were asked to produce the 17-Register, then they repented and produced the Passbooks kept pending by them without distribution to the Pattadars. The G.S. also produced one original e-Passbook of Taduri Venkata Narasimha Chari, Khatha No. 1705. When the G.S. was called for explanation for the above lapse of Non-distribution of Passbook to the concerned through dodging methods, the G.S. did not give any explanation. At the request of the Inspector, the Tahsildar handed over the attested copies of above Passbook for further enquiry.

ORAL EVIDENCE:

1. Sri Shaik Mastan Vali, S/o Moulali, Age 39 yrs, Assistant Executive Engineer, Operation, APSPDCL, Rentachintala Section, Macherla Division, R/o Nehru Nagar, 2nd line, H. No. 15-1-141, Macherla Town.

2. Sri Malamanti Naraiah, S/o Narasimha Rao, Age 39 yrs, Junior Assistant, O/o AAO /Sub/ERO/Gurazala/APSPDCL, Gurazala, R/o H. No. 8-449, Madugula road, Gurazala (V&M)

Witnesses Nos. 1 & 2 are the mediators to the entire proceedings of surprise check conducted on the office of the Tahsildar, Macherla Mandal from 24.01.2020 at 11.30 hrs to 7.30 hrs on 25.01.2020 and drafted the mediators report incorporating the entire proceedings in the O/o the Tahsildar, Macherla.

3. Sri J. Pardha Saradhi, Revenue Divisional Officer, Gurazala, Palnadu District.

He speaks about that the G.S. did not distribute the Original e-Passbook in respect of Pattadars entrusted to him by the Tahsildar Office, Macherla and resorted to dilatory tactics or wilfully caused delay in disposal of the work assigned to him.

DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE:

1. Surprise Check Proceedings, Dt. 24.01.2020 drafted by the Mediators at the O/o the Tahsildar, Macherla Mandal, Guntur District.

It contains all the happenings in the Surprise Check conducted on the Office of the Tahsildar, Macherla on 24.01.2020 by the ACB Officials in the presence of mediators. The mediators drafted and attested the Surprise Check Proceedings.

2. Attested Copies of 12 e-Passbooks found in the possession of VROs without distributing to the Pattadars.

It revealed that 12 Original e-Passbooks were found in the possession of VROs without distributing to the Pattadars.

3. Attested copy of the Job chart of the Village Revenue Officer.

It revealed that the Duties and Responsibilities of the Village Revenue Officer.

Charge-2:

“That the Government Servant kept pending with him 06 Mee-seva applications beyond SLA pertaining to ‘Mutation and Title Deed cum Pattadar Passbook”.

During the Surprise check, on the request of the Inspector, ACB, the Tahsildar with the assistance of typist Sri Ch. B.V. Satish Babu has opened the Mee-Seva website with his login credentials pertaining to Macherla Mandal and downloaded lists.

Mee Seva Dash Board from 01.07.2019 to 24.01.2020:

On perusal of the same revealed that under the 67 services in total 22163 applications are received during the above period, wherein 18815 No. of requests were approved, 2280 No. of requests were rejected, 699 No. of request are pending with in SLA and 202 No. of requests are pending beyond SLA by 24.01.2020. The Government Servant kept pending with him 06 Mee-seva applications beyond SLA pertaining to ‘Mutation and Title Deed cum Pattadar Passbook’.

ORAL EVIDENCE:

1. Sri Shaik Mastan Vali, S/o Moulali, Age 39 yrs, Assistant Executive Engineer, Operation, APSPDCL, Rentachintala Section, Macherla Division, R/o Nehru Nagar, 2nd line, H. No. 15-1-141, Macherla Town.

2. Sri Malamanti Naraiah, S/o Narasimha Rao, Age 39 yrs, Junior Assistant, O/o AAO /Sub/ERO/Gurazala/APSPDCL, Gurazala, R/o H. No. 8-449, Madugula road, Gurazala (V&M)

Witnesses Nos. 1 & 2 are the mediators to the entire proceedings of surprise check conducted on the office of the Tahsildar, Macherla Mandal from 24.01.2020 at 11.30 hrs to 7.30 hrs on 25.01.2020 and drafted the mediators report incorporating the entire proceedings in the O/o the Tahsildar, Macherla.

3. Sri J. Pardha Saradhi, Revenue Divisional Officer, Gurazala, Palnadu District.

He speaks about the objectives of Mee-Seva portal and **DYNAMIC CITIZEN CHARTER** of Mee-Seva. On perusal of the attested copies of the Mee-seva Dash Board of the Tahsildar, Macherla and other records seized during the Surprise Check revealed that the Tahsildar even did not view as many as 901 (699 within SLA, 202 beyond SLA) Mee-seva applications received to him through Mee-seva Website between 01.07.2019 and 24.01.2020 and kept 202 applications pending beyond SLA period as per the Mee-seva Dash Board and the Tahsildar even did not monitor the work of his subordinates resulting in pending of most of the Mee-seva applications with the VROs beyond SLA period etc., facts.

DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE:

1. Surprise Check Proceedings, Dt. 24.01.2020 drafted by the Mediators at the O/o the Tahsildar, Macherla Mandal, Guntur District.

It contains all the happenings in the Surprise Check conducted on the Office of the Tahsildar, Macherla on 24.01.2020 by the ACB Officials in the presence of mediators. The mediators drafted and attested the Surprise Check Proceedings.

2. Attested Copy of Applications kept beyond SLA pertaining to Mutation and Title Deed cum Pattadar Passbook for the period from 01.07.2019 to 24.01.2020.

It revealed that the out of 148 applications pending beyond SLA pertaining to the 'Mutation and Title Deed cum Pattadar Passbook' for the period from 01.07.2019 to 24.01.2020, 05 applications due to Technical problems, 84 applications received from the concerned VROs after enquiry and 59 applications were kept pending with the eight VROs. The G.S. kept pending with him 01 Mee-seva application beyond SLA pertaining to 'Mutation and Title Deed cum Pattadar Passbook.

3. Attested Copy of Dynamic Citizen Charter.

It revealed that the request for current Adangals through Mee-seva shall be disposed of within 15 Days as per the orders in S. No. 310 (01 Revenue) of the Chart. The request for Mutations through Mee-seva shall be disposed of within 30 Days as per the orders in S. No. 363 (54 Revenue) of the Chart. The request for Sub Division of Land in particular survey number through Mee-seva shall be disposed of within 45 Days as per the version of the Tahsildar and RI of Macherla Mandal. The

request for Issuance of Income Certificate through Mee-seva shall be disposed of within 30 Days as per the orders in S. No. 342 (33 Revenue) of the Chart. The request for Issuance of Integrated Certificates through Mee-seva shall be disposed of within 30 Days as per the orders in S. No. 818 (29 Revenue) of the Chart. The request for Issuance of Family Membership Certificate through Mee-seva shall be disposed of within 15 Days as per the Orders in S. No. 335 (26 Revenue) of the Chart. The request for Corrections in Adangals through Mee-seva shall be disposed of within 15 days as per the orders in Sl. No. 321 (12 Revenue) of the chart.

4. Attested copy of Job Chart of the Village Revenue Officer.

It revealed that the Duties and Responsibilities of the Village Revenue Officer.

“Thus, the Government Servant Sri Katikala Srinivasa Rao, S/o Naraiah, Formerly Village Revenue Officer, Tallapalli Village, Macherla Mandal, Palnadu District by his above mentioned acts has exhibited lack of devotion to duty, failed to maintain integrity, behaved in a manner unbecoming of a Govt. servant and brought down the prestige of the Government and there by violated/contravened Rule 3(1) & 3 (2) of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964”.

Thus, the Government servant rendered himself for regular departmental action for major penalty under Rule 20 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991.

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ANNEXURE -III

LIST OF WITNESSES IN SUPPORT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGES AGAINST SRI KATIKALA SRINIVASA RAO, FORMERLY VILLAGE REVENUE OFFICER, TALLAPALLI VILLAGE, MACHERLA MANDAL, PALNADU DISTRICT.

Sl. No.	Name of the Address of the Witnesses.
1	Sri Shaik Mastan Vali, S/o Moulali, Age 39 yrs, Assistant Executive Engineer, Operation, APSPDCL, Rentachintala Section, Macherla Division, R/o Nehru Nagar, 2nd line, H.No.15-1-141, Macherla Town.
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3	Sri J. Pardha Saradhi, Revenue Divisional Officer, Gurazala, Palnadu District.
4	Sri G. Sridhar, Inspector, Range-II, ACB, Guntur Range, Guntur.
5	Sri A. Manmadha Rao, Inspector, ACB, Guntur Range, Guntur.
6	Any other witness that may be produced during the course of enquiry.

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ANNEXURE -IV

DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE IN SUPPORT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGES AGAINST SRI KATIKALA SRINIVASA RAO, FORMERLY VILLAGE REVENUE OFFICER, TALLAPALLI VILLAGE, MACHERLA MANDAL, PALNADU DISTRICT.

Sl. No.	Details Of The Documents
1	Surprise Check Proceedings, Dt. 24.01.2020 drafted by the Mediators at the O/o the Tahsildar, Macherla Mandal, Guntur District.
2	Attested Copies of 12 e-Passbooks found in the possession of VROs without distributing to the Pattadars.
3	Attested copy of the Job chart of the Village Revenue Officer.
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5	Attested Copy of Dynamic Citizen Charter.

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